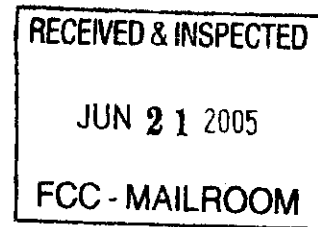


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Re: Docket Nos. 05-65 and 05-75

Dear Commissioners:

I urge you to block the proposed mergers of Southwestern Bell/AT&T and Verizon/MCI. I believe these mergers would stifle competition and decrease communications options while increasing prices. The Bells are already blocking access to their networks and are stopping competition for local, long-distance, Internet, and cell phone services. If the mergers are approved, two companies will control over 90% of the market, and consumers will again see high prices and reduced services like we did before the federal government broke up the Bell monopoly in the 1970s.

Please protect the interests of consumers instead of big corporations, and find ways to reduce costs of telephone service, Internet access, and emerging communications technologies.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Karen West".

Karen R. West

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